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Application No. Applicant(s) 09/054,660 EGGERS ET AL. Interview Summary Examiner Art Unit Michael Peffley 3739 All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel): (1) Michael Peffley. (2) John Raffle. (4)____ Date of Interview: 04 November 1999. Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference c) Personal (copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes If Yes, brief description: Claim(s) discussed: pending. Identification of prior art discussed: Bales et al . Agreement with respect to the claims f(x) = x + x + y = x +Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: The examiner maintained that Bales et al taught heart revascularization, particularly at column 12 of the patent where "smooth muscle coring" was disclosed. Applicants would further consider the Bales et al reference to determine the meaning of "smooth muscle coring" and possibly argue that the phrase is directed towards treatment of vascular tissue, as opposed to heart tissue. (A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.) i) It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked). Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

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